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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 5/12/04 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

- * Pursuant to 35 USC 131, **Claims 1-15** are added and remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1.1 Claims 1-2, 8-9, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Carll** (US Patent No. 4241398).

As per **Claims 1-2, 8-9, Carll** discloses equivalent frame format/structure comprising header, data stream and CRC wherein the CRC its are the last bits of the frame, e.g., 'digital signal information in the form of parallel digital words to be exchanged between the CPU and RPUs, each alternating as sending and receiving units, is converted into serial bits and organized into bit cells in the information field of one or more serial data frames of a message unit, each frame also including a header field and a trailer field, the header field having a single bit start flag as the least significant bit (LSB) of the frame and having a two bit identification (ID) flag, the trailer field having a single bit stop flag as the most significant bit (MSB) of the frame, each message unit including a cyclic redundancy checking (CRC) frame following the last data frame of the unit, each frame of the message unit being encoded serially into a bi-phase signal format which provides at least one signal level transition in each bit cell at a period equal to the bit cell time established by the sending unit and in a direction dependent on the logic level of the digital signal bit in the cell, to provide a signal manifestation of the sending unit digital signal information and time base, the bi-phase encoded frames of the message unit being presented asynchronously, as a serial data stream, through a transformer coupled half-duplex transmission

line to the receiving unit which decodes each frame to restore the digital signal information and time base presented by the sending unit. In further accord with the present invention, the information field of the first frame of each message unit transmitted from or received by the CPU includes a first byte address identifying the particular RPU acting as the sending unit or receiving unit of the message, the first frame of each message unit transmitted by the CPU having a first frame CPU ID flag bit pattern different from the ID flag pattern of each successive frame in the message unit and different from the ID flag of each frame, including the first frame, of message units transmitted from each RPU, each RPU interrupting operation only in response to a message unit received with a first frame CPU ID flag pattern and first byte address identifying the RPU. In still further accord with the present invention, each message unit is checked by the receiving unit with a sixteen bit polynomial included in the information field of the CRC frame, each message unit received accurately by an RPU is acknowledged with a bi-phase encoded ACK signal presented to the CPU within a set time interval monitored by a watchdog timer at the CPU, which in the absence of the ACK signal in the time interval retransmits the original message unit, messages received inaccurately by the CPU are retransmitted by the RPU on CPU request

Claim Rejections - 35 USC ' 103

2.0 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2.1 **Claims 3-7, 10-15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Carll and Hordeski** (Microcomputer LANs, 2nd Ed., page 240, 1991).

As per Claims 3-7, 10-15, Carll substantially discloses the claimed approach of data frame format. **Not specifically described** in detail in **Carll** is the step whereby polynomial generation is $x^{32}..+1$.

However Hordeski , in an analogous art, discloses such techniques on page 240.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the procedure in the **Carll** by including therein data CRC via polynomial division on data frame/packet bits as taught by **Hordeski** , because such modification would provide the procedure disclosed in **Carll** with a technique whereby “CRC via polynomial division is standardized.” {See **Hordeski** , page 240.}

CONCLUSION

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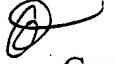
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